

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
May 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Shane O'Connor, Daniel Flanagan, Douglas Glazier, Ronald King and Alternate Christopher Halpin

Town Staff Present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Board roll call was taken.

MINUTES:

Chairman O'Connor referred to the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes and asked for any corrections or changes. There were none. Mr. King moved to approve the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes as published. Mr. Flanagan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the motion was approved.

BILLS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. DMV Applications

- 1. Public hearing on Application #FY17-18-05, Owner: J. Sales, Applicant: Thomas Hillery for a Motor Vehicle License location approval for the property located at 465 Spring Street.**

Thomas Hillery, owner of Hillery Hot Rods LLC, located at 465 Spring Street, Unit F was present.

Chairman O'Connor asked Mr. Hillery to explain what type of work he would be doing at the location in question. Mr. Hillery replied that he provided personalized service, he was not a general repairer. He went on to say that he did one-on-one jobs with customers of customized work building hot rods. Mr. Hillery noted that the vehicles that he worked on could be at his facility anywhere from six days to six months or a year.

Chairman O'Connor clarified that the Planning and Zoning Commission had already approved the site in question. Mr. Hillery replied that that was correct.

Chairman O'Connor asked the Board members for any questions. Mr. Glazier stated that he had stopped by Mr. Hillery's facility previously and commented that it was a very large building with several large bays housing various businesses. He went on to say that it was a great location and would be a good place for Mr. Hillery to do his automobile restorations.

Mr. Halpin commented that a lot of stuff had popped up Spring Street; a car dealership where they previously had to move a lot cars off of State land, the Rothenberg property where they were conducting illegal auto sales under a Repairer's License, and at 485 there was a landscaping company and another autobody repair shop. Mr. Halpin went on to say that his concern was what Mr. Hillery was going to have for frontage; would he be putting any cars for sale out in front of the facility. Mr. Hillery replied that he would not have vehicles for sale out in front of his facility. He noted that he may sell a car once in a while, but the front of his business would be kept clean and clear. He then reiterated that he was not in the business of selling cars. Mr. Hillery stated that he kept his shop very clean; there was never a lot of junk laying around the facility. He pointed out that of the ten cars currently parked in front of the facility only one was his and that that vehicle was registered and currently being worked on.

Chairman O'Connor noted that those violations that were mentioned were not before the Board that evening; they should be reported to the Building Department.

Mr. Halpin stated that the property in question was a perfect location for Mr. Hillery's business.

Mr. Glazier asked what category Mr. Hillery's DMV License would be. Mr. Hillery replied that the CT DMV only offered a General Repairer's License; they did not offer a Restoration License like some other states offer.

Chairman O'Connor asked for any public comments either in favor of or in opposition to the application. There were none; no members of the public present.

Chairman O'Connor asked the Board for a motion regarding Application #FY17-18-05. Mr. Glazier moved to approve Application #FY17-18-05, Owner; J. Sales, Applicant: Thomas Hillery for a Motor Vehicle License location approval for the property located at 465 Spring Street. This is not approval for any alterations or repairs to the site; it is approval of the Motor Vehicle License location only. Mr. Halpin seconded the motion. Mr. O'Connor asked for any further discussion. There was none. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the motion was approved.

b. Public Hearings

None

Mr. King moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Glazier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The vote was 5 – 0, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Ferrari
Recording Secretary

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Please check the following month's meeting minutes for official approval of these minutes and any amendments or corrections that were made.